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To the 3rd General Assembly of
Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization
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Dear Chairman,
Excelencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Constàncio Pinto. I am one of the victims of the 12th November 1991 massacre, who escaped to Lisbon on 11th November 1992.
Now, I am here in this conference as representative of the National Council of Maubere Resistance (CNRM). It is a great honor for me to participate as representative of East-Timor in this so important gathering among many destinguished political personalities well known all over the world, for their firm commitment to the defence of self-determination of the oppressed and colo-

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nized peoples. Than, I would like to thank UNPO for accepting East-Timor as a permanent member.

East-Timor issue is high on the agenda of the U.N. Since the 7 December 1975, when Indonesian Javanese hords under the expansionist and militarist clikue of Jakarta, led by the dicatator general Suharto invaded the territory.

In 17 years of military occupation, the Javanese expansionist regime masacred more than two hundred thousand East-Timorese. Most of them unarmed and innocent civilians . The massacre still goes on without an end in sight.

Eats-Timor has become a prison island where oppression, torture and death are dayly practices. Sufferings of all kinds are dayly imposed by the so called Javanese liberators on East-Timorese people. As the examples, I can mention them: the massacre of 12th November 1991 in Dili, the capturation of Xanana Gusmao, the head of Maubere resistance and other Timorese who are still in jail.

Mr. Xanana Gusmao is going to be tried on February next month by the Indonesian government illegally. We do not see any reason for Xanana's trial. Xanana is not a highway man. He resisted 17 years in the jungle to conduct the struggle just to defend the right of the self-determination; according to the UN Charter, Article One Paragraph Two. How could Indonesia condemn a person a people who defend its right of the self-determination as a criminal?
Well, it is a problem, an international problem and is the responsibility of the UN and all of the peoples over the world who loves peace and freedom.

Peace is a dream which the oppressed East-Timorese people are fighting for desperately and consciously.

The Suharto regime is the champion of bloodshed and tirrany. Nearly one million Indonesians were slauthered when Suharto rose to power. HUndreds of thousands of West Papuans , Achenese Sumatrans, South Moluccans were slauthered as well by the same regime.

Pinochet is an innocent and a dove compared with the butcher of Jakarta.

In spite of all these brutalities and barbarie's nature of Suharto rigime the Western democracies do regard it as a reliable partner at all levels, economic and political. To be frank, this old military dictatorchip still exists due to the support given by the above mentioned Western democracies.

Western democracies like France, Germany, U.K., Denmark, Belgium, and several others like U.S.A. and Japan are the real oxygen of a corrupt and dying regime. The WEstern countries only support self-determination when their interest are in danger.

Let us point Kuwait as an example. Why did the Western countries restore freedom to the invaded and occupied Kuwait and refused to do the same with regard to East-Timor?

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Unfortunately, there are still many questions whithout answers. Unfortunately there are still prominent political world leaders that speak in the name of Justice while at the same time practise injustice.

However, in the darkness of oursolitude ther is a sign of light which brings us new hopes. Against the will of the dictators the world is changing.

A powerfull empire like Soviet Union has scrambled into pieces. New Nations after centuries of dominations and oppression by powerful neighbors arisen from ashes of oblivian and are giving birth to a new world political map. After more than 40 years under Soviet occupation, the three Baltic States have regained their

lost independence becoming now fully independent and sovereign states.

Yugoslavia is a name of the past.
Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia, Bosnia Herzegovina, and Kosovo have regained thier national independence.

Checoslovakia, through a peaceful process ahs split into two seperate states. It is nice to see a process of separation achieved in a so gentle way without hate and war. It is an example of political maturity, wisdom and tolerance.

Eritrea will become very soon a new member of the UN and of OAU as an independent and sovereign state after fighting 30 years of liberation war against Ethiopia.

I would like to recall that the case of Eritrea has been considered for many and many years as a separatist movement in Africa. The victory of Eritrea is a clear signal that the so-called separatist movements in other parts of the world will have a happy end, just like Eritrea.

I take this opportunity to greet the friendly and allied peoples of Aceh Sumatra, West Papua and South Moluccas. Please do not stop struggling.

The Javanese colonist regime which regards your just and heroic struggles as separatists will have the same faith of Ethiopia, sooner than later.

Referenda will take place in Aceh Sumatra, West Papua, South Molucca just like the referendum to be held in Eritrea.

Western Sahara led by Polisario will be free despite the dirty manouvres of King Hassan II in refusing that the right of self-determination be exercised by the heroic Saharam people through a referendum supervised by the UN.

Finally, East-Timor is fighting for the Self-determination and independence. Althought it has declared itself independent in 1975. Later, in 1985, it has suspended in other to give Portugal a more important role to play as administering power recognized by the UN. Andindeed, Portugal is now playing a very positive role Being a member of NATO and EC, Portugal has contributed a great deal to isolate Indonesia internationally.

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
On behalf of the heroic and martirized people of East-Timor, I would like to launch a vehement appeal to this honorable Assembly in order to exert pressure on Javanese regime in Jakarta to comply with the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council of the UN, regarding unconditionally withdrawal of the invading forces and the evation of a political conditions to hold to act of self-determination through which the people of East Timor without pressure and coalitions of any kind can freely choose their destiny and determine their own future.

Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Struggle continue!
To resist is to win!

I thank you!